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In this edition of the *Wartburg Magazine* you'll meet an interesting and varied cast of alumni and students with outstanding achievements and stories to tell — many with global ties.

On the day when Todd Wille '85 became chief executive officer of Northern California-based Unify Corporation in 2000, he was greeted by federal law enforcement agents after his predecessor was charged with — and later convicted of — committing securities fraud and overstating earnings.

Unify, "a global provider of application development, data management, migration and e-mail archiving solutions" was on the verge of financial collapse. Eight years later, though, Wille was named Turnaround Executive of the Year by the American Business Association.

Greg Fuhrmann '84 calls his relationship with Holocaust survivor Henry Golde "a privileged obligation." Fuhrmann has been steadfast in helping his friend navigate German and Israeli bureaucracies seeking money owed him following his harrowing childhood experiences.

Two stories have Nigerian connections.

Chief Olatunde Abudu '56, a remarkable attorney-industrialist-philanthropist, is the founder of Maiyegun College, a boarding school for students of middle school and high school age opening in September. Its mission statement sounds vaguely familiar: "Dedicated to challenging and nurturing its students for lives of leadership, service and personal fulfillment."

Nigerian students Chikemma Nwana '11 and Hyeladzirra Banu '11 received Wartburg's fourth $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant. They will oversee bore-hole drilling for clean water in a rural village. More than 100,000 Nigerians die annually from diseases caused by dirty water.

In a related story, Wartburg now has 14 international Davis Scholars.

For 20 years, John '69 and Judy Anderson '68 Johnston hosted 15 international students. Turning the tables, the Johnstons recount a trip to Japan to visit four families whose children they had hosted. "It was like seeing your kids," Judy said. "That's how we feel about them."

Up in the Twin Cities, Grayce Hartman '60 is dedicated to teaching English to Somali immigrants, motivated by the "caring, extra help and support from the faculty and staff at Wartburg. It impacted my life more than textbook learning."

Back home, our "cover girl" is track-and-field star, outstanding biology student, commencement speaker and homecoming queen Hannah Baker, whose quest for "perfection" is both daunting and being realized in many respects.

Baker has been on three NCAA Division III national champions — all the titles coming with Wartburg winning the last race, the 4x400 relay, twice with Baker onboard (she was injured prior to this year's indoor race). Baker was to compete in the outdoor relay on Saturday, May 29, then race back to campus the next day to deliver the commencement address.

Take a look inside and enjoy the exploits of these and other Wartburg alumni and students.

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Hannah Baker poses on the infield at Walston-Hoover Stadium with NCAA Division III and Iowa Conference Women's Sports trophies. *See her story on page 22.* Photo by Julie Drewes.

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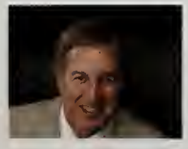

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Mission Almost IMPOSSIBLE

Wille named national turnaround exec of year

by Emily Schmitt

A Midwestern farm boy graduated from Wartburg College and went on to save a California corporation too poor to even declare bankruptcy.

Todd Wille '85 is the chief executive officer of Unify Corporation, "a global provider of application development, data management, migration and e-mail archiving solutions" according to its website. In 2008, the American Business Association named him the year's best turnaround executive.

Wille was chief financial officer when he left Unify in 1998. Two years later he received a phone call from a Unify board member asking him to help rescue the company. The chief executive officer had been removed after committing securities fraud and overstating earnings.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Wow, that seems like an almost impossible task,'" he said. "Then my second thought was I could do that, and I want to do that; I'm going to try to do that."

Although managing the company was different from his previous role as CFO, Wille was determined he would help the company survive. "I knew most of the employees and customers, and they were really good people," he said.

"I guess I'm a little headstrong," he added. "It's the German blood in me." He reasoned that he understood the financial side of the company, which would help him correct its dwindling bank account.

When Wille arrived at Unify, he was greeted by the FBI, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice.

"It was crazy," he said. "They were so focused on finding every little thing that these guys had done wrong."

As government officials swarmed the office every day, Wille knew his first task was to convince them they had found everything big that had been done wrong. He reasoned that any other errors would be insignificant amounts of money compared to the large transactions the investigation had already uncovered.

"I divided my day into three pieces," he said. "I was working literally 18 hours a day; it might have been 20 hours. That was from August when I started to just before Christmas."

During his first six hours on the job, Wille spoke with worried customers and tried to convince them that Unify would continue to exist. He also encouraged employees to continue working hard so the company could remain in business.

As the day progressed, he would turn his attention to the officials scurrying about the office. He helped them finish their investigation as quickly as possible. He spent the remainder of each day trying to correct the problems that the investigators had found.

Wille worked with the accounting manager to correct the financial statements. This was difficult, because she was often upset and felt guilty that she had recorded the illegal transactions.

"I had to spend the nights fixing the financial records with her help. I figured out the journal entries and worked to fix them," he said.

At one point, Wille looked into filing for bankruptcy only to learn that Unify could not afford to pay the potential legal fees. So Wille and his employees tried to put the pieces back together.

"We were relentless in what we were doing," he said. "We refused to give up."

> *"I think part of the reason he was successful was that he was bent on a reputation that would be straightforward, what you see is what you get."*
>
> – Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration

While Unify's future remained uncertain, many of its customers were reluctant to make their usual advance payments for products.

At a meeting with Unify's United Kingdom customers, Wille was questioned about the company's future, and why the customers should continue to pay for a product they may never receive.

"I just looked him in the eye and said if you do that, you'll get exactly what you're worried about. If you don't pay, I won't be in business, and you'll be right," he said.

"Finally, the biggest customer in the U.K. – and the most respected in the room – stood up and said 'You know what, Todd?' That makes total sense. We support you.'"

After that, the mindset changed from what would happen if Unify didn't survive to how the customers could help it survive, Wille said.

He then appointed the head of customer service to be vice president of sales.

"His job was to call people and reassure them that we were going to be all right. And when they got mad, he should reassure them and call them again next week," he said.

During the entire process, Wille used the "straightforward Iowan" approach with employees, customers and stockholders. He told them more than he thought they would need to know, even about the bad things that could happen.

"He was honest with the people he worked with, and they recognized that and tried to help him," said Lewis "Buzz" Levick, his basketball coach at Wartburg. "They trusted him and overcame a lot of obstacles."

"I think part of the reason he was successful was that he was bent on a reputation that would be straightforward – what you see is what you get," said Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration.

Wille believes this transparency helped the company survive. Its employees were informed and involved in saving Unify.

"I had people volunteering to be laid off," he said. "That tells you the kind of people they were."

While Unify recovered, only one person left the company voluntarily. Everyone else's jobs were saved.

The company slowly recovered and has since tripled its size to 89 employees.

"I think the story is representative not just of Todd Wille, but of the actions of a lot of our alumni, who look at problems, dig in and work as a team to find solutions," Campbell said.

"He wasn't a great basketball player, but he was the kind of player that any coach would love to have on the team," Levick said. "He was a great role model and leader, and he's demonstrated this in his professional career."

Wille has been asked to work with other struggling companies, but he doesn't plan to do so any time soon.

"I'm a very loyal person," he said. "We're not done yet. The company is doing significantly better than it was, but it can do much better."

Chief Olatunde Abudu creates a college in Nigeria

by Saul Shapiro

For 20 years Chief Olatunde Abudu '56 has had a dream to establish a school in Nigeria that would educate children from any economic background to become forces for change in the world.

That dream will come true in September when Maiyegun College opens its doors to its first 50 students – with an ultimate goal of 720.

By American standards, Maiyegun is a boarding school for students of middle school and high school age. When they graduate, it is expected they will attend universities in Nigeria, the United States or the United Kingdom, according to Principal David Jennings.

The school is one among countless philanthropic initiatives undertaken by Abudu, 81. He had donated a fully equipped science lab to his grammar school, and has helped support the construction of churches, mosques and hospitals.

"He is a wonderful, wonderful example of the Wartburg commitment to service," said fellow 1956 alumnus Robert Vogel, Wartburg's 15th president and an adviser on the Maiyegun project. "He really does care about his people and has done a lot to help them."

Abudu, a devout Muslim, attended a Catholic school for his primary education and an Anglican secondary school. In 1953, he decided to attend college in the United States, an unusual choice. Until 1960 Nigeria – the most populous nation in Africa – was a British colony, and a British education was critical to advancement. An American education was considered inferior, and many Nigerians perceived the United States as racist.

However, in his biography, *The Man with a Mission*, Abudu cites the number of Nigerian nationalists who had studied at American colleges, where they learned to emphasize education as a means to improve the individual and society.

Abudu learned about Wartburg from a catalog at the U.S. Embassy, applied and received a scholarship to help defray some expenses. Soon after an impromptu wedding, he set out for Waverly, while his wife, Raolat, would later begin studies in London.

He envisioned a career as a surgeon, but made a quick course correction after viewing an amputation while working at a local hospital. After three years at Wartburg, which included summer school, he graduated cum laude with a major in natural science and a minor in social science. He would then embark on a career in law.

Abudu roomed in Grossmann Hall with J.O. Toyosi, a Nigerian who had enrolled a year earlier and would become a dermatologist.

Chief Olatunde Abudu '56

Artist's depiction of Maiyegun College

"I lived next door to them for two years and knew him quite well," Vogel said. "He always had a good sense of personhood. He was a little older. He had married, which we didn't know at the time. ... He made special friends on campus and was treated kindly."

Vogel would later visit Abudu at his home in Nigeria during a study tour in the mid-1980s. Abudu also has visited Vogel's home in Denver, where Raolat has relatives.

"Looking back at my life, I was fortunate to have the liberal arts education at Wartburg with Christian values of honesty, hard work, service and caring for others and community," Abudu stated.

And then there was Outfly.

"In my first experience of Outfly as a freshman," he stated, "I was among the crowd of students standing around a pond close to Wartburg Hall. Then someone shouted, 'Throw Ola (his nickname) into the pond!' Instantaneously, I was grabbed, lifted high up and thrown into the pond.

"You need to see me struggling to come out of the dirty pond water, but still smiling. It was fun for everyone around."

It was necessary to have a background in the English legal system to practice law in Nigeria, so Abudu pursued his law degree at the University College in London, where he was reunited with Raolat. He returned to Nigeria to found the law firm of Abudu, Dalley & Co. in the capital of Lagos, near his birthplace of Abeokuta, where Maiyegun College is located.

Abudu's specialty was commercial law, and opportunities to serve foreign clients opened up as Nigeria gained its independence. Abudu became a multitasker extraordinaire, earning a reputation as a leading industrialist — through both investment and direct involvement — and philanthropist.

He started a roofing company in his hometown. He chaired the Indo-Nigerian Merchant Bank, Ltd., which sought to boost Nigerian agriculture with loans to small farmers. Nigeria, a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, had been in the process of making the transition from an agrarian economy, and the bank's aim was to "adopt" villages and make them self-reliant.

Many of Abudu's economic initiatives have been at the grass-roots level, stressing family businesses. Based on his knowledge of small investment clubs in the United States, he promoted low-income groups in Nigeria that would pool resources to support enterprises.

The Yorubas, a tribe of more than 5 million, bestowed upon him the title of "Maiyegun of Egba Land" in 1982. Maiyegun comes from a Yoruba word meaning "making the world straight." He is held in such esteem that at his 80th birthday celebration, a guest of honor was a former Nigerian president.

Abudu envisions Maiyegun College as a catalyst for social, economic and cultural progress, helping to reduce poverty.

"Our scholarship is not going to be enjoyed by the most brilliant only, but the needy," he told Nigerian journalists. "The whole essence of conceiving this total child development educational institution, which is going to be fully boarding, is to relive the virtues in our old values. It will afford the children to fit into the society and meet the challenges of the changing world."

The curriculum covers English and English literature, French, mathematics, the sciences (physics, chemistry and biology), information and communication technologies, business, design and technology, life skills (physical and religious education) and music.

Abudu is financing much of the costs, but he also is pursuing fundraising at home and abroad.

Not coincidentally, Maiyegun's mission statement echoes that of his alma mater to a great extent: It is "dedicated to challenging and nurturing its students for lives of leadership, service and personal fulfillment."

"He just borrowed the Wartburg mission and vision statements initially," Vogel said, "and now they've tweaked it some. I like it."

Indeed, as Wartburg celebrated the Year of the Liberal Arts in 2009-10, it is noteworthy how Abudu's Wartburg experience resonated in his life.

"The broad education I received at Wartburg was a big advantage. In law, we deal with people and their problems, and those problems deal with every aspect of life. That's why I believe liberal arts schools offer a better educational background for most professionals."

A privileged obligation

Wartburg alumnus Craig Fuhrmann (right) has dedicated himself to assisting Holocaust survivor Henry Golde.

by Saul Shapiro

"Hatred is nothing, love is everything."

Wartburg alumnus Craig Fuhrmann '84 calls his devotion to helping Holocaust survivor Henry Golde "a privileged obligation."

When Golde sought to claim funds he believed the German government owed him, he encountered an unyielding bureaucracy. Then Fuhrman came to his aid, pursuing funds for Golde -- German Social Security, reparations, and money from dormant accounts in Israel -- with varied degrees of success, but unwavering determination.

In 1939, when Golde was 11, the German army invaded Poland, occupying his hometown of Plock, 60 miles northwest of Warsaw. Of the 4,000 members of that Jewish community, only 50 survived the war. His parents, older brother, aunts and uncles perished at Treblinka.

In his 2002 book, *Ragdolls*, Golde recalled "an 11-year-old boy's journey to hell and back." He spent five years in Nazi-orchestrated ghettos, labor camps, and concentration camps in occupied Poland and Germany. His longest incarceration was at the labor camp in Skarzysko-Kamienna, where the German company HASAG used forced labor to manufacture anti-tank munitions.

With the advance of the Red Army, a train transport took Golde and other inmates into Germany to the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Golde and 3,000 other inmates later were forced to make a 110-mile march across the Czech border to Theresienstadt. The SS (paramilitary unit) executed those who couldn't keep pace.

After being liberated by the Russian Army in 1945, Golde was transported to an orphanage in England. Afterward, he would join the British Navy, become a tailor, marry, and move to New York City where a stint as a taxi driver ended after a third armed holdup. He made Wisconsin his home in 1967, becoming involved in land and property sales, then purchasing a pub.

Fuhrmann was attracted to Wartburg by the German major, a 10-week freshman May Term Abroad and the Junior Year Abroad, which he spent as an exchange student in West Germany. After graduation, he returned to Germany for eight years, studied at the University of Bonn and pursued family history.

That background aided his research to document Golde's internments required for Social Security payments. "I had acquired a mature appreciation of the language and the culture in which it operates. That was important," Fuhrmann said.

Fuhrmann approached Golde in 1999 after reading about him in the local newspaper, and their friendship ensued. He brought Golde to Wartburg in October 2005 to speak to students taking a Holocaust course taught by Professor Yvonne Losch.

A year later, Fuhrmann began his pursuit of funds for Golde after the German Federal Social Security Administration denied an initial application.

"I knew this wasn't the final word," Fuhrmann said, believing the rejection was due to Golde's inability to verify he had worked in the labor camps.

His quest was spurred by "irritation," Fuhrmann said. "Those members of society who made the Holocaust possible -- the SS, the Gestapo -- received their pensions when they retired. The people who ran the trains to the camps -- though they may not always have had a choice by virtue of what would have happened to them if they didn't -- still received social security."

Fuhrmann began filling in the blanks. "Having lived in Germany and compiled documentation on my own family's origins, I had an impression which archives in Germany had roughly what records and where to start looking."

He has corresponded with archives and historians in 11 nations. In the former East Germany, small historical societies contributed archival material from World War II together with accounts from local narratives.

"Their efforts uncovered details that weren't previously known," Fuhrmann said. "They aren't online; they don't have copies in Berlin. I wrote to these organizations and they e-mailed others. ... Two private citizens, for instance, sent Henry documents about HASAG."

While Golde received copies of his inmate records from Buchenwald, documents from the HASAG armaments factory at Skarzysko remain elusive.

"According to the story," Fuhrmann said, "the owner of the firm, a high-ranking Nazi party member, rigged the HASAG home office building in Leipzig with explosives as the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division advanced. He set it off, destroying the building and committing suicide. So there are few surviving records."

In October 2007 Golde received a one-time reparations payment of $3,200 from the German government to compensate Holocaust survivors for work performed in Jewish ghettos. Fuhrmann is optimistic about social security, but a decision is still pending.

There also are dormant bank deposits, insurance policies, and property assets' securities in Israel in the names of Golde's deceased relatives. The property assets were entitlements to own land in Palestine in the early 20th century.

"There are seven accounts we definitely know belonged to his relatives," Fuhrmann stated. "Henry should receive whatever is in there -- property deeds or the contents of the dormant accounts."

Golde now travels to schools, churches and prisons as an inspirational speaker. Thankful for the "small miracle" that he survived and stressing "hatred is nothing, love is everything," Golde hopes his story leaves a lasting impression.

Fuhrmann, who fondly recalled hammering on the Berlin Wall during its fall in November 1989 as a thrill, said, "To work with someone who went through (the Holocaust) and came out emotionally healthy and remarkably stable -- how can I say it? -- it's been a privileged obligation."

Extended family: Johnstons reunite with students in Japan

by Emily Schmitt

For the past 20 years, two alumni have stayed connected to their alma mater by hosting more than 15 international students. They have become the American family of students from India, Norway, Uzbekistan, Japan and other parts of Asia.

In April 2008, John '69 and Judy Anderson '68 Johnston flew to Japan to visit four families whose children they had previously hosted.

"It was emotional; it was wonderful," Judy said. "It was like seeing your kids; that's how we feel about them."

The Johnstons spent two weeks in Japan. They navigated train stations, handled food with chopsticks and did a tremendous amount of walking.

"I enjoyed seeing the different parts of the country and culture," John said. "The highlight was seeing the students, being able to go into their homes. We were treated like kings and queens."

The couple visited Haruko Tokumasu '94 and Mari Funabayashi '90, whom they had not seen for more than 15 years. They also spent time with a student they recently hosted, Mihori Honda '06.

Another host student, Ayako Kanasugi '05 was in the United States but the Johnstons visited her family even though she couldn't be with them.

"Her parents had come over for graduation, so we had met them before," Judy said. "Then we went there. We kind of knew them already, and they invited us to their home."

John and Judy Johnston stopped in Tokyo during their travels in Japan. While in the city they visited one of their students, Mari Funabayashi.

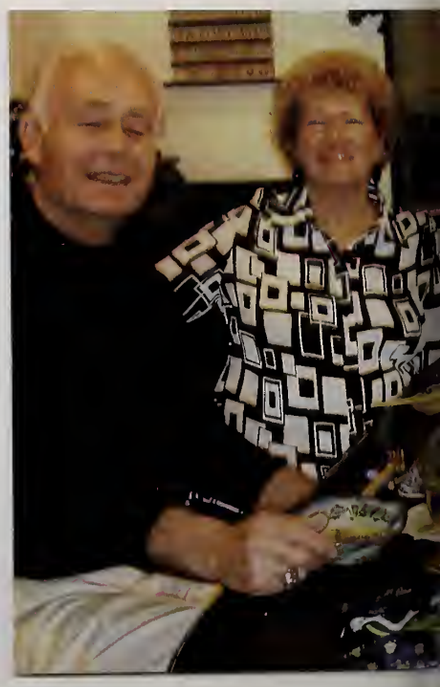
The couple said it was wonderful to tour the country and experience Japanese culture, but agree visiting their host students was the most rewarding.

Judy is hopeful most of them will be able to return to the U.S. at some point so they can see them again. She and her husband continue to host students; they are currently hosting Midori Akutsu '12.

The Johnstons began to host international students because of their love of learning about the world.

"We've always been interested in traveling, and we had talked about having an exchange student in our home," Judy said. "But we had four children and didn't have space, so we thought this would be a way to have an exchange student without them actually living with us."

When international students arrive at Wartburg, they are paired with a host family in the Waverly area.



The couple's trek through Japan included a stop in Nagoya to visit Haruko Tokumasu. She showed them around the city during their stay.

During their stay in Tokyo, the Johnstons also visited Mihori Honda and ate a meal with her family. From left: John, Judy, Mihori, Mihori's mother and Mihori's brother, Jun.

The Johnstons often take students shopping, meet them for a meal and attend college events with them. They also invite the students to their home to celebrate holidays and get to know the family.

After the students are comfortable around the family, Judy often invites them to cook a meal from their country. She takes them shopping for ingredients, some which are challenging to find, and they prepare traditional foods, which have included sushi, Japanese soups and curry.

John and Judy agree that exposing their children, Dane, Ryan, Leif and Erika Johnston Ott '96, to different people has taught their entire family about many ways of life.

The family's first international student from India taught them many lessons.

"That was the first time our youngest son had really been exposed to someone with dark skin," John said. "But after he realized it didn't matter, they were like brothers."

In fact, the concept of brotherhood took hold in an unexpected way. Their son told his first-grade teacher he had a brother from India, and she asked him to find India on the map. He proudly pointed and said his brother lived in Bombay.

Judy later explained the situation to her son's confused teacher, but was happy he was learning about the world.

"Our kids got to know different places in the world on a personal basis," Judy said.

"We really have benefited more than the students," she added.

Spanning the cultural divide

Grayce Hartman's love for teaching helps immigrants from Somalia make the transition to life in the United States

by Emily Schmitt

A Wartburg College alumna is using her passion for teaching to help immigrants improve their spoken and written English.

Grayce Hartman '60 volunteers at the HUBBS Center for Lifelong Learning in St. Paul, Minn.

People visit the center for help with career planning, technology and special needs. Immigrants often visit the center seeking assistance in learning English.

"For many people, this could be the fourth or fifth language they've learned," Hartman said.

She regularly visits the center to work on English with individuals or groups.

"They are so excited when they see me come in; they know they're going to get special help," she said.

The teacher assigns a student or group of students to work with Hartman. They often need help with things such as phonics, sentence structure and comprehension.

The assistance she received at Wartburg, where she earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree, motivated her to serve others.

"There was so much caring, extra help and support from the faculty and staff at Wartburg," she said. "It impacted my life more than textbook learning."

Several of the women Hartman works with had never attended school before. Other individuals come from cultures where they only learned orally, and the printed word is completely foreign to them.

She admires the bravery it takes for immigrants to leave their lives behind and come to the U.S. to start over.

"Many of them, especially the men, have had professional jobs and are very skilled," she said.

"They have exchanged a business for a safe life. And they know they will probably never be able to do the same jobs again."

One of Hartman's friends got her interested in volunteering at the center. The friend was talking about her work there and suggested that Hartman might enjoy it.

"I love teaching, and when she said that she was a volunteer teacher, I knew right away I wanted to try it," Hartman said.

Grayce Hartman teaches English to Somali immigrants at a volunteer center in St. Paul, Minn.

> *"There was so much caring, extra help and support from the faculty and staff at Wartburg."*

Hartman can relate to learning a new language, recalling her struggles to learn German at Wartburg.

"I know how difficult it is to talk and not be able to put sentences together correctly," she said.

To help them become comfortable speaking English, she said the immigrants need to be encouraged to practice talking.

Hartman's experiences at the center have taught her about different cultures.

"During the breaks, the Somalian women go out in the hall with their rugs and do their prayers," she said.

Hartman said people are often frightened of immigrants, and she hopes that will change.

She said many Americans think all immigrants are the same as the people who attacked the United States on Sept. 11.

"I've heard so many comments that the immigrants are scary or threatening," she said. "I just wish others could come with me and see how gracious they are."

Hartman said if Americans are bold and reach out to immigrants they will understand the challenges immigrants go through to learn the country's language and culture.

"I feel I'm getting the best end of the deal," she said. "It is so rewarding to see them work so hard and see them becoming citizens and learning English."

Hartman will continue to help immigrants adjust to life in the U.S. and hopes others will do the same.

"They are becoming better citizens, and it's so rewarding," she said.

Eisenach Village allows Anderson to pursue worry-free wanderlust

by Linda Moeller

It is fitting that one of Wartburg's most intrepid retirees recently became the first resident of a community designed for active adults.

Dr. Maynard Anderson moved into his new home in Eisenach Village in December. A few weeks later, he left on a two-week trip to Turkey.

"I experienced what are described as life's two greatest traumas, retirement and the death of a spouse, at the same time," said Anderson.

Teaching part-time for the next five years and making additional international trips with the Wartburg Choir and Wind Ensemble helped ease his adjustment.

Dr. Maynard Anderson, professor emeritus of music, hangs a favorite art work in his new home at Eisenach Village. He was one of the first occupants in the housing development, which is near the Wartburg campus and operated by Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

> *"I like Waverly. I really didn't want to leave Waverly and Wartburg."*

"I'm determined not to become a couch potato," said Anderson, laughing. At 84, he still exudes the enthusiasm for travel and the arts that he nurtured in generations of Wartburg students though his popular classes and the many music tours he accompanied to Europe.

Anderson and his late wife, Doris, moved to Waverly in 1958, when he accepted a position at Wartburg as instructor in music education, music history and voice. A graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., he had taught music in the South Dakota public schools after completing a master's degree in 1950 at the University of Michigan. He earned an Ed.D. degree from the University of Colorado in 1963.

In 1959, the Andersons built a split-level home a few blocks west of the campus. They spent the remainder of their married life there, raising three children and, in later years, planning an active retirement that would include more time for the travel they both loved.

Those plans were cut short when Doris, an elementary school music teacher, was killed in a car accident on May 23, 1991, the same month she and Maynard were both to retire.

In 2008, when Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community finalized plans to build Eisenach Village, Maynard decided to become a charter member, allowing him to receive priority information and selection in the new community before he committed to purchasing a home.

"I like Waverly. I really didn't want to leave Waverly and Wartburg," he said. But lawn care and snow removal complicated his trips to faraway destinations and his frequent forays to programs and events throughout the Midwest.

Eisenach Village is named for Eisenach, Germany, Waverly's sister city and the home of the Wartburg Castle. Located north of the main Bartels campus and Hertel Field, it features one-story, maintenance-free homes in six customizable floor plans, ranging from approximately 1,100 to 1,800 square feet. Some designs include private courtyards, spacious sunrooms and other lifestyle amenities.

Anderson settled on a two-bedroom, two-bath design with an attached double garage. When he was able to sell his residence of 50 years to a former student, he finalized plans for the move.

He said an added benefit of the process was "cleaning out a lot of the stuff I accumulated over the years."

Anderson's professor emeritus status gives him access to most Wartburg programs, but the college offers a variety of perks to all Eisenach Village residents, including free admission to Wartburg home athletic events, free admission to Wartburg recitals and music ensemble concerts and tuition-free enrollment as an auditor in classes with available seats.

"We are very excited about the future of Eisenach Village," said sales manager Mike Cooley. "As the word spreads about this unique independent living community, with its ties to Bartels and Wartburg, more people are finding it to be very attractive as an active adult/retirement community."

A retired Wartburg professor who still sports his signature gray ponytail would agree.

For more information about Eisenach Village, call the Sales Office at 319-352-1258.

A world of understanding

Davis United World College Scholars Program enriches the educational experience at Wartburg and 90 other colleges

by Linda Moeller

Two years ago, Miguel Maciel and his father were visiting U.S. colleges. After stops in New York and Florida, they headed for the Midwest and Wartburg.

"All I saw was corn, corn and more corn," Maciel recalled of his introduction to Iowa.

The sprawling fields were a sharp contrast to Miguel's native country, Malawi. Located in southeast Africa, Malawi is smaller in geographical size than Iowa. Though heavily agricultural, its dense population – 13.9 million compared to Iowa's 3 million – provides a stark contrast to the scattered farmsteads of the U.S. Heartland.

"Dad, are we in the right place?" Maciel remembers asking his father.

Wartburg turned out to be the right place for Miguel and 13 other international students who are part of the unique Davis United World College Scholars Program. Established in 2000, the program provides financial incentives for international students who are graduates of 13 United World Colleges on five continents.

Thanks to the generosity of philanthropist Shelby M.C. Davis and his wife, Gale, the Davis UWC Scholars Program contributes as much as $20,000 per year in need-based aid toward the students' education at one of 92 U.S. colleges participating in the program. Wartburg has been a partner college since 2007. Collectively, the partner colleges now enroll 2,962 students from 140 countries.

"The Davis UWC Scholars Program is helping Wartburg create a diverse, vibrant and global learning community," said Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, vice president for enrollment management.

Waldstein noted that the program's goals – enriching the educational experience of U.S. students by encouraging interaction with students from around the world and fostering greater understanding among the world's future decision makers – mesh well with Wartburg's longtime commitment to diversity. The college currently enrolls 95 international students from 39 countries.

"Wartburg has become a state leader in its percentage of international and American-ethnic students," said Waldstein. "Scholarship support provided by the Davis UWC Scholars Program helps us continue to attract high-quality students who benefit from the Wartburg experience."

In its first year as a partner college, Wartburg enrolled one Davis Scholar. Five enrolled in 2008, and eight more came in 2009. The

Wartburg President Darrel Colson greets Islam Qadous from Palestine during a ceremony honoring the Davis Scholars on campus.

14 Davis Scholars at Wartburg represent 13 countries and are pursuing a variety of majors.

Rumbidzai Teramayi, a third-year biology major from Zimbabwe, said she was attracted to Wartburg because its biology program "is prestigious with hard courses."

Third-year Davis Scholar Sejla Trebo credits the program with helping international and American students "develop valuable and unique friendships and learn to appreciate and understand different cultures and viewpoints."

Support from the Wartburg community enabled Trebo to return home to Bosnia at Christmas to visit her mother, who was undergoing treatment for cancer. Employees in Information Technology Services, where she is a work-study student, helped organize a fundraising effort to make her trip home possible.

And Miguel Maciel, who was amazed by all the cornfields, is now a second-year business administration major.

"The community is such a friendly place," he said. "I have become involved and met so many great people. I have no regrets, and I look forward to the rest of my time at Wartburg. I am appreciative of the generosity of Shelby and Gale Davis, who made this experience possible."

The Davis Scholars at Wartburg are from around the globe, including Moses Santino from Sudan (top, center), Christian Riquelme from Costa Rica (bottom center), Liza Gashi from Kosovo (left), and Ksusha Protchenko from Russia (right).

Philanthropist Davis has been energized by the program he founded.

"What I feel is personal satisfaction that comes from the pride I have in the students I have helped. I feel they have the work ethic to help make this world a better place. If I can keep helping students like this to get on the road to success, that will be my legacy," he said in a 2007 interview published in the Davis United World College Scholars Program annual report.

Davis, who made his fortune in the investment field, particularly mutual funds, observed in the interview that vision, focus and accountability were important for his career.

"But interwoven with that was our family model, which provided me with a simple road map for life's journey: The first 30 years should be focused on learning, the next 30 on earning and the remaining 30 years should be focused on returning, on giving back to make the world a better place."

Program promotes peace, awareness

Wartburg's Davis United World College Scholars come from nine United World College schools.

UWC is a non-governmental, British-based foundation that brings together students from all over the world to complete their last two years of high school at one of 13 United World College schools.

More than 120 national committees select students from their home countries to attend UWC schools on the basis of merit and regardless of their ability to pay. Schools are located in the United States, Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Swaziland, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Queen Noor of Jordan has been president of the United World Colleges since 1995. Former South African President Nelson Mandela has served as honorary UWC president since 1999.

Wartburg Davis UWC Scholars represent 13 countries

Bosnia Herzegovina
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ethiopia
Kosovo
Malawi
Mozambique
Palestine
Russia
Sudan
Thailand
Uganda
Zimbabwe

Giving the gift of water

Nigerian students receive Wartburg's fourth Davis Projects for Peace grant

by Saul Shapiro

Americans may take potable water for granted, but two Nigerian students at Wartburg College have a far different perspective.

Chikemma Nwana and Hyeladzirra Banu know water carries the gift of life, but can mean death as well. More than 100,000 Nigerians – and 2.2 million people globally, including a disproportionate number of children – annually succumb to diarrheal deaths, according to the World Health Organization.

The roommates will return to Nigeria this summer to try to alleviate that problem in one village, thanks to a $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant. They will oversee bore-hole drilling for water, while educating villagers on its sanitary use.

Chikemma Nwana and Hyeladzirra Banu

It is the fourth Wartburg proposal selected for a Davis Projects for Peace grant. On her 100th birthday in 2007, philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis committed $1 million annually to fund 100 grass-roots initiatives by college students. Wartburg students have received grants to fight malaria in Guyana, to remove land mines in Cambodia and to promote a "summit and walk for peace and inclusion" in Iowa.

The Nigerian project derives from personal experience.

"I went to a private high school in Nigeria, and they still didn't have safe water to drink, said Banu, a third-year international relations and political science major. "The water was from a well, and in the end, the school had to drill a bore hole, which was safe. That's what we're planning to do for the people of Umuenechi Village."

A third-year computer information systems major, Nwana said, "I lived in boarding school, and so I was able to experience the illness that comes with drinking unsafe water. Also, living in Nigeria makes you more aware of the growing need for clean water ... and understanding the underlying cause of inaccessible clean water of which poverty and corruption come first."

"All across Nigeria there is a sickening prevalence of bad quality water," Nwana and Banu stated in their proposal. "People have resigned (themselves) to fetching water from questionable sources such as polluted rivers, lakes, unsafe wells and pipes. These dirty waters are a source of water-related diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, dysentery and the like."

The Davis grant will pay for the bore-hole drilling and expenses for the students, who will spend eight weeks overseeing the project and educating the people on boiling water to make it safe for consumption.

In addition, Banu said, "We will be providing reports to Dr. (Roy) Ventullo. We also plan on doing interviews and videos." The proposal was submitted under the guidance of Ventullo, professor of biology, Burk-Will Chair in Biology and director of undergraduate research.

The project will be in collaboration with the St. Joseph Catholic Parish, where a school is located, and Marycare, a small woman-to-woman nonprofit organization based in New Haven, Conn., that has launched successful water projects in Nigeria and other underdeveloped nations.

Banu said Umuenechi Village is in newly developed area.

"One possibility was to put it in the village square, but we were concerned about who would manage it," she said. "Also, it might have some special benefits because children might be drawn to the school because of the water. The church has just been built, and the school is starting up."

Nwana hopes the project has residual benefits.

"The water project is a holistic approach to reaching out and educating Nigerians on the myopic lifestyle they live," she said. "This is because with clean, affordable, and accessible water comes good health, better education, the possibility of having the opportunity for more infrastructure and innovations. But ultimately the water project will bring about peace through understanding and civic engagement."

"A project like this is essential," Banu said, "since water is the whole basis of life. People drink it. They do sanitary activities with it."

Service trip participation ranks No. 1 nationally

Break Away, an alternative break organization, ranks Wartburg as No. 1 in 2009-10 for the percentage of student participation among its 150 member colleges and universities that promote service trips during breaks.

Wartburg was No. 3 in 2008-09.

Wartburg had 260 students — 15.3 percent of its enrollment — participating on at least one service trip during the academic year. It was followed by Alma College, 13.4 percent, and Rollins College, 9.2 percent.

> *"Our true success is defined by the positive changes students will start to make in their own lives and the lives of others as a result of their week spent in service."*

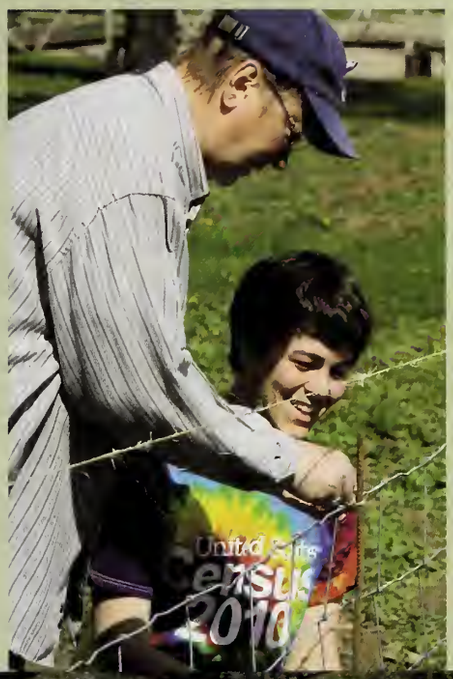
"We have worked hard to grow our program," said Renee Sedlacek, service-learning coordinator. "But numbers aren't everything. Our true success is defined by the positive changes students will start to make in their own lives and the lives of others as a result of their week spent in service."

This year marked the 17th anniversary of Wartburg service trips. Students and advisers clocked more than 14,000 volunteer hours on 24 service trips — all proposed and planned by students with guidance from an adviser.

During Winter Term break tours, Wartburg students could be spotted wearing U.S. Census T-shirts.

Arlene Schwarzenbach, the Wartburg Bookstore manager, procured a $3,000 grant from the U.S. Census to promote the census on college campus and in hard-to-count areas, including inner cities.

Service-trip participants as well as members of the women's golf and softball teams, who journeyed to Arizona and Florida, respectively, wore the T-shirts both at home — for the week prior to their trips — and away.



Campus garden takes shape

Students planted potatoes and peas on Earth Day, April 22, in a new campus organic garden. A student advisory board oversees the project as part of the college's sustainability efforts. Students who are on campus for the summer will maintain the garden and harvest the produce, which will be used in Dining Services. Other crops will include herbs, spinach, radishes, lettuce, cherry and heirloom tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and beans. The plot is located on Fifth Avenue N.W., just east of the Knights Village parking lot.

Making the orange connection

Chicago company gives Wartburg students a glimpse of life in workplace

by Emily Schmitt

Each spring, more than a dozen students travel to Chicago to explore career interests with Wartburg alumni who are always willing to show them around, introduce them to other graduates and welcome them to their companies.

Mike Crawford '91 is the chief operating officer at Med Alliance Group, Inc., and has been involved with Orange Connection for several years.

His company not only welcomes Wartburg students. In fact, it currently employs six Wartburg alumni.

"We have a lot of ties to Wartburg outside of the workplace, and that makes the workplace more personal to us. There's more on the line than in an employee/employer relationship," Crawford said.

He said interacting with students is refreshing for his employees, especially the ones with Wartburg ties.

Employees at Med Alliance Group make sure students placed with the company are given an accurate glimpse of the business.

Mike Crawford shows Emily Ewy around the office. She shadowed one of his employees during Orange Connection.

During Orange Connection, Emily Ewy got a chance to meet several Wartburg graduates who are employed at Med Alliance. From left: Ami Franzen Hagen '06, Ewy, Lindsey Huinker '06, and Mike Crawford.

"They're here to get experiences," Crawford said. "We set up fairly difficult tasks, things that are fairly new to them, and we put them to work."

Emily Ewy '11 shadowed Med Alliance employee Alaina Goos '06 during last spring's Orange Connection. She learned how the business operated while doing data entry, inventory updates and budgeting and is appreciative of the experience provided.

"I realized that a lot of the things I was learning in class would apply in the real world of business after I graduate," Ewy said.

Crawford said Orange Connection gives students a chance to explore real world career possibilities.

"It's really critical for students to interact with the private world beyond their academic experience," he said.

The program also introduces participants to the network of Wartburg alumni in the Chicago area.

Crawford enjoys Orange Connection's professional and social aspects. He often hosts students in his home and invites other Wartburg graduates to meet the students he hosts, giving students the opportunity to network with alumni.

"You get to know them in a non-work setting," he said. "I think that's a very cool part of Orange Connection."

More information is available at www.wartburg.edu/oc.

Orange EXCELeration gives students a jumpstart

Orientation program leading into the academic year helps new students acclimate to college

by Saul Shapiro

When Wartburg College's 2009-10 midyear retention rate reached a record 95.8 percent, some of the credit went to the Orange EXCELeration orientation program.

"We've experienced an increase in retention of first-year students since this implementation and, as we know, retention is the result of student satisfaction and success," said Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management.

As its name suggests, Orange EXCELeration accelerates the academic and social transition to college for new students, starting six days before the beginning of the academic year.

"We introduce them to the liberal arts through a purposeful combination of in-class and out-of-class educational experiences," Waldstein said.

The program has four key components:

- Develop meaningful relations with faculty, staff and students
- Participate in programs that encourage student engagement in the academic, social and personal transitions
- Support from mentors helping students acquire confidence to reach academic, social, personal and vocational goals
- Immersion in active and collaborative learning across the curriculum.

Orange EXCELeration assigns Wartburg's 500-plus new students to 22 different groups led by 31 upper-class students. And it lessens the anxiety about adapting to college.

"This was a big change, and I didn't really have anyone around me who was in college or who had recently been," said Stacey Knoll from New Hampton, Iowa." I knew I was going to miss home, and I was worried about doing everything on my own. Orange EXCELeration was probably the best way to ease me into college."

Orange EXCELeration gives students early exposure to the college classroom with Inquiry Studies 101 "Asking Questions, Making Choices," a first-year experience course.

"We started classes early which helped eliminate early fears and concerns, and answered all my questions I had about the academic aspect of college," said Cameron Wagner from Traer, Iowa.

The first day of Orange EXCELeration was largely move-in and meet-and-greet involving both students and their parents. During opening ceremonies students were "knighted" by President Darrel Colson.

The second day started with a discussion about the annual readings-in-common book selection for first-year students. In 2009-10, it was *Ishmael*, a novel by Daniel Quinn in which a gorilla teaches his human student about the deeper meanings of the human condition.

Team-building activities followed. On the various ROPES (Respecting Other People Encouraging Self-Esteem) courses, student groups matched wits and honed teamwork skills.

The "Artesian Beams" course required students to traverse a trail of posts set at varying distances. Once the team laid down the first post, team members could not touch the ground.

Or they weaved their collective way through the "Spider Web," as all team members tried to navigate a web with varying sized holes without touching the ropes. The same hole could not be used twice, and participants could not go over, under, or around the web.

"ROPES was an exciting way to meet new people," Wagner said. "Each challenge brought our group a little closer."

ROPES is both a social and academic exercise. Students could ask faculty and upper-class students questions about the intricacies of the course, something that they should feel free to do with academic courses as well.

Also on tap were service projects, social events and sessions about Wartburg policies, information technology and wellness.

"What I took away from the Orange EXCELeration experience was a sense of confidence for my future academic career at college, new friendships and pride for my new home for the next four years, Wartburg College," said Wagner.

"Orange EXCELeration really gave me the confidence I needed to start classes," Knoll said. "Some of the orientation leaders really became my first friends here, and I went to them whenever I had a question and still do to this day."

First-year students study the 'Spider Web' challenge on the ROPES course.

OrangeOpportunity

Funding Scholarships and Futures

Dining Services steps up to the plate

As the largest student employer on the Wartburg College campus, Dining Services has nearly 300 students working in four eateries and a catering department.

Now the department has stepped up to the plate by establishing a scholarship for student workers as part of OrangeOpportunity, an initiative to create 100 new scholarships by the end of 2011.

"With help of the full-time staff and previous student employees, we were fortunate to be able to fund the initial $1,000 for the annual scholarship that starts this coming fall," said Margaret Empie, director of Dining Services. "Now we are working on building an endowed scholarship to ensure the program can continue."

"Many previous student employees understand the transferrable work skills that they learned and practiced in their work here, and we are excited that they have acknowledged that and partnered with us in this venture."

"This is a difficult job," said Tom Hubbard '68, student employee coordinator in Dining Services. "Students work hard for their money, and we see this as a way of helping out our own."

"We started talking about funding a scholarship before the OrangeOpportunity initiative was announced," Empie added, "and were really happy to be able to be part of the kick-off of this campaign."

In the process of becoming the first campus department to establish a scholarship, Dining Services also set the bar for this spring's Faculty/Staff Campaign, which focused on raising funds for scholarships.

"Dining Services knew from the very beginning it would lead the way for other departments on campus. It was doubly inspired: first to help students and secondly to be leaders. It was fun to see them succeed," said Don Meyer, director of development.

By mid-May, five other departments had committed to funding $1,000 scholarships or pursuing the longer-term goal of an endowed scholarship. Several other departments were considering scholarships or had contributed gifts to the general OrangeOpportunity scholarship fund.

"The wonderful momentum we have on campus is only one piece of the success this scholarship campaign has had," Meyer said. "Alumni and friends have also joined in, creating a total of 23 new scholarships and raising over $325,000 toward scholarship assistance for our students. For a scholarship-dependent college like Wartburg, this is huge. Thanks to all!"

To establish a scholarship or obtain more information on how you can make a difference for Wartburg students call 866-219-9115 (toll-free) or 319-352-8495, or e-mail development@wartburg.edu or go online at www.wartburg.edu/orangeopp.

McCoy Challenge exceeds goals

Board of Regents member Mike McCoy and his wife, Marge, issued a challenge last summer with two goals in mind.

They wanted to encourage alumni and friends who are already giving to give more, and they wanted to encourage those who were not giving to start. As an incentive, they offered to match each new and increased gift to the college during fiscal 2009-10 – up to $50,000.

More than a month before the end of the fiscal year, both goals had already been surpassed.

"The McCoy Challenge attracted more new donors and larger increased gifts," said Don Meyer, director of development. He noted that solicitations made during the Knightcallers Phonathon, in direct mail appeals and in personal visits and contacts by development officers, resulted in 1,061 new donors and 562 increased gifts.

In early April, with nearly two months left in the fiscal year, the number of new donors was up by 93 over the previous year. Increased gifts totaled $169,213, compared with $82,542 in 2008-09.

"We are deeply inspired by the generosity of the McCoys in issuing this special challenge and sincerely thank them for their desire to grow the philanthropic support of the college," said Meyer. "They have long realized the importance of Annual Fund gifts and the impact of those gifts on students, faculty and staff.

"We are equally inspired by the outstanding response of our alumni and friends in this strong show of support for Wartburg students," Meyer added.

The McCoys are the parents of Matt MCoy '93 and Michele McCoy Thompson '97.

Young alumni join donor ranks

Young alumni like Travis Bockenstedt '09 represent a significant percentage of each year's new donors.

As student body president during his senior year, Bockenstedt had the opportunity to meet and interact with alumni who had given back to the college.

"I really appreciated what they had done for us, and the stories that they told about what Wartburg had meant to them," said Bockenstedt, now an account executive at KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids. Those encounters influenced his own philanthropy.

"It really comes down to my experiences here, and the idea of giving back and having other students have those opportunities. That's really important to me," he said.

Johnson finds ways to stay connected

After Rachelle Johnson '92 left Wartburg College, her love for her alma mater kept her engaged. Now she serves as president of the Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Regents.

Johnson majored in psychology and minored in sociology and business. "My plan was to become an international lawyer," she said, "but then I got into the field of psychology."

A summer internship after her junior year reassured her that she did, indeed, want to practice law.

"The nice thing about going to a college like Wartburg is that you get exposed to a lot of different fields of study in your first couple years," she said.

She received her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1995. She was the assistant county attorney for Poweshiek County and worked at a private practice until 1998, when she opened her own law practice in Montezuma, Iowa.

Although her career keeps her busy, Johnson still appreciates being part of the Wartburg community.

"Wartburg gave a lot to me initially when I came as a Regents Scholar," she said, and later helped her prepare for law school and life. She wanted to make sure the college continued to touch the lives of its students.

So she couldn't say "no" when she was asked to serve on the Alumni Board. As president, she also serves on the Board of Regents, allowing her to take part in planning the college's future.

It's another way for her to stay connected to campus. "I appreciate the openness between the faculty, staff and students and the Board of Regents," she said.

Worth Repeating

I live for those

moments when a student sees for the first time what her mind can do, or when a student steps out of his comfort zone and bravely shares a point of view that others may disagree with. These moments are sacred.

– Dr. Amy Nolan, upon receiving the John O. Chellevold Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service on April 13.

Many of you

and myself also when I was in high school were not aware that the history I learned had been picked out in a certain way that men wanted us to know, but not other parts that I should know about. If you really look at a history textbook you will find it mainly contains men's violent solutions of conflicts — and some women contend it's "his story" of history — and most conflicts in the world are solved nonviolently.

– Dr. Birgit Brock-Utne, internationally recognized scholar of peace studies and peace education, professor at the University of Oslo's Institute for Educational Research and a visiting lecturer at Wartburg during Winter Term 2010, during a March 16 convocation.

My Wartburg experience

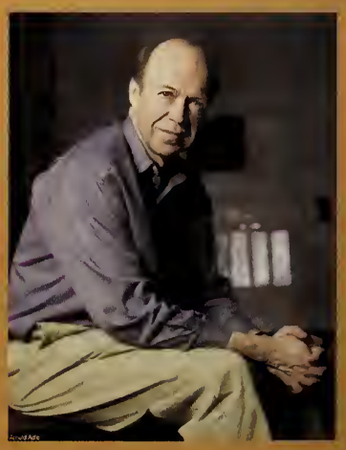
has been like multivariable calculus. … In calculus you learn about derivatives and integrals. If you get to multivariable calculus, you take all these concepts you've learned, and you add more dimensions. What happens at Wartburg is that a person comes in with one or two dimensions, and they get to experience and gain many dimensions.

– Blake Haugen '10, alluding to academic, music, athletic, service, leadership and social "dimensions" at Wartburg during his March 30 senior dinner talk.

People who were

the most passionate about their jobs were the ones who had an idea about how they could contribute something greater than themselves, who saw the bigger picture. ... It's not just showing up at work, but contributing something valuable.

– Sean Aiken, 25, founder of OneWeekJob.com, who performed 52 jobs in 52 weeks following his graduation at the top of his class at Capilano College in North Vancouver, British Columbia, speaking Feb. 16 at a Professional Development gathering about searching for "passion" in one's career.

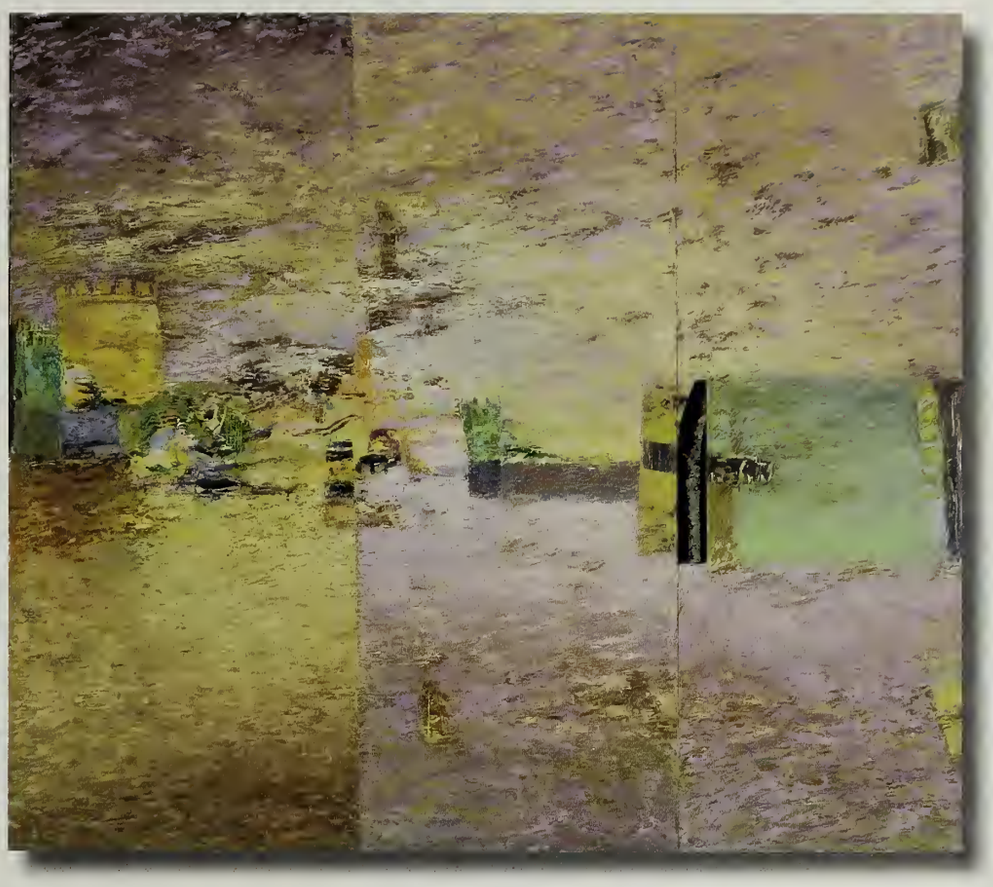


We are getting

close to tipping points which will have an effect on people and other species. The mountain water provides half of the major rivers. So if it is gone, places will be dry.

– James Hansen, director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City and adjunct professor of earth and environmental studies at Columbia University, speaking at a March 23 convocation.

Vernon P. Truesdale '67



New art work — "Stammbaum," an abstract painting by Dubuque, Iowa, artist Thomas Jewell-Vitale — was commissioned by the college as a memorial to Vernon P. Truesdale '67, former vice president for business and finance and treasurer. It hangs above the fireplace in Hagemann Castle Room.

Painting honors Truesdale

A new painting in Hagemann Castle Room honors the late Vern Truesdale '67, who was Wartburg's vice president for business and finance and treasurer at the time of his death in December 2003.

Commissioned by the college, the painting was created by artist Thomas Jewell-Vitale of Dubuque, Iowa, who describes it as oil/wax on canvas and mixed media. It is called "Stammbaum," the German word for family tree. The abstract work evokes the college's roots in the Christian faith as well as its namesake, the Wartburg Castle.

"A twig in the center of the painting symbolizes the Cross of Christ as well as the Thuringian Forest in which the Wartburg Castle is situated – all parts of the Wartburg family tree that meant so much to Vern and became part of his roots, too," said Dr. William E. Hamm '66, who initiated the commissioned work during his year as interim president in 2008-09.

Hamm and Truesdale were colleagues at Wartburg early in their careers, when they both worked in the Admissions Office.

"Stammbaum" (Family Tree)
By Thomas Jewell-Vitale, 2009

Commissioned by Wartburg College
In Memory of
Vernon P. Truesdale, Class of 1967

For a life of service to institutions of the Lutheran church

Wartburg College, 1967-1976
Associate Director of Admissions and Registrar

The American Lutheran Church, 1976-1986
Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Capital University, 1986-2001
Vice President for Resource Management and Treasurer

Wartburg College, 2002-2003
Vice President for Business and Finance and Treasurer

A woman for all seasons

In class and out, Hannah Baker is a whirlwind, meeting her dauntingly high standards

by Saul Shapiro

It may be the only time that Hannah Baker has been described as "annoying," and, of course, it was meant as a compliment.

A recommendation nominating her as the outstanding senior in the biology department stated, "The truly annoying thing about Hannah is that she is also an exceptionally nice person — friendly, outgoing and patient with lesser mortals."

The nominator added that writing "a letter of recommendation for Hannah Baker is a ridiculous exercise in attempting to think of synonyms for 'outstanding.'"

Baker, who aspires to be a "perfectionist," has experienced a few moments that were less than perfect. A lone A-minus mars her grade point average of 3.98. At Class 1A Keota High School, where she was a long jumper, she never finished higher than seventh at the Drake Relays, although redemption would come later as part of her All-American track career at Wartburg.

Wartburg President Darrel Colson selected Baker, the daughter of Thomas and Donna Baker of Richland, Iowa, as the 2010 student commencement speaker after soliciting input from administrators, faculty, staff and students.

"I don't know how she does it, but she does it," said biology professor Dr. David McCullough, her adviser. "Hannah is one of our best students, has been involved in our department as a peer instructor, is actively involved in campus activities and organizations, and still finds time to run circles around some of the top athletes in the country. She is a very nice person to boot."

Baker describes herself as "passionate about my dreams and somewhat perfectionist in nature, always striving to do my best. I try to set very high goals for myself."

She will study genetic counseling at graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison — with an NCAA postgraduate scholarship in hand.

> *"I can't put a price on the value of my Wartburg experience."*

"Genetic counseling allows me to combine two of my interests — genetics and working with people," Baker said, "I am excited to map genetic disorders through families and provide education and provide supportive counseling to families and individuals in difficult life circumstances."

On the track, she is a 13-time indoor and outdoor All-American with four NCAA Division III indoor and outdoor titles in the 4x400-meter relay. The Wartburg women's track and field team has won the last two indoor national championships and was defending its outdoor title, May 28-29. The 4x400-meter relay, which concludes that meet, is on the eve of commencement.

The Knights have won all three of their most recent team championships in that final event, although an injury kept Baker on the sidelines during the 2010 indoor meet.

Baker is a two-time Academic All-American as selected by The College Sports Information Directors Association. She also is a two-time U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Scholar All-American.

And she made a triumphant return in 2009 to the Drake Relays. After the Wartburg's 4x400-meter relay team won its race in the collegiate division, she told teammate Faith Burt, "I finally got my flag."

Actually, she got two. Another one came with the winning sprint-medley group.

There's more, although her arm's-length resume would overwhelm this space.

Baker has been the president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and secretary of the Wartburg Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, a national biology honor society. Students selected her as the 2009 Homecoming queen.

Student Body President Abhay Nadipuram and Hannah Baker reigned at Homecoming.

As for her selection as the student commencement speaker, Baker said, "It's quite an honor to represent the Class of 2010. This class is filled with extremely talented individuals who will, without a doubt, continue on with lives of leadership and service and contribute a lot to society."

Baker is appreciative of the opportunities she's had at Wartburg. "I can't put a price on the value of my Wartburg experience," she said. "I've had the opportunity to study at Wartburg West, work with students and faculty from various departments who have challenged and supported me academically and personally, and I have had the privilege of being a part of an amazing track and field family. If I had it all to do over again, I would choose Wartburg in a heartbeat."

Final event win guides women's indoor track and field to national championship

by Mark Adkins '90

In the end, head track and field coach Marcus Newsom figured it might come down to character.

"I had a choice to make before we ran the 4x400 ... either tell the group where we were at in the team points race or trust their ability and let them go out and perform," he said. "I knew they were capable of what they did."

The quartet of Jenny Kordick '10 of Truro, Chelsey Jacobs '10 of Allison, Nevada Morrison '12 of Chicago, Ill., and Faith Burt '12 of Cedar Falls helped hand the program its combined fourth indoor and outdoor women's team national title since 2005 and the second consecutive indoor team title with an NCAA Division III season's best time of 3:48.73. Wartburg's women have placed in the top 25 in each of the last nine years.

The individual event title was one of two for the Orange and Black. Skye Morrison '12 of Chicago, Ill., opened the two-day meet with a win in the long jump. The two individual event national titles upped the program's total to 10 since 2002.

Wartburg's four-point margin of victory over UW-Oshkosh (33-29) was hard fought to the end. The Knights did pick up 12 All-American awards between the 55-meter dash (Burt, third place), 55-meter hurdles (Brittany Thomas '11 of Kansas City, Kan., sixth), Skye Morrison (long jump title and eighth in triple jump), the 4x400, and the distance medley relay team of Jennifer and Amanda Kuiken '10 of Fairfield, Nicole Calabrese '10 of Spring Valley, Minn., and Jacobs with a sixth-place finish.

"National championships are never easy," Newsom said. "We fought through some adversity, but as I have been saying all season, 'Next woman up', and the kids stepped up did that."

The Knights' coaching staff also earned recognition. Newsom was named the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's Division III women's indoor Coach of the Year for the fifth time since 2004. He and assistant Dave Sage garnered Central Region awards as well.

Men's hurdler Russell Harris '10 of LaGrange, Ill., finished sixth in the 55-meter hurdles. Wartburg's total continued an impressive streak of having 10-or-more All-American honors each year since 2003.

Family connection highlights Caribbean track trip

by Mark Adkins '90

Kaitlyn Carlson '12 is used to having her mother, Cindy, chaperone her school trips.

So, when head track and field coach Marcus Newsom inquired about Cindy's interest on a team trip to Barbados in the Caribbean last January, Kaitlyn wasn't surprised when mom said "yes."

"She's been going along with me every since I can remember," Kaitlyn said. "It would actually have seemed strange if she hadn't been there."

Cindy, who is Wartburg College President Darrel Colson's administrative assistant, wouldn't have changed her decision for anything.

"It was an honor to go along with such a wonderful group of students and athletes," she said. "I was able to help (Marcus) out with some administrative items and still be able to enjoy the scenery and history of Barbados, while being a part of something very special."

Members of the Wartburg College men's and women's track and field teams competed against club teams from the island of Barbados in early January.

Barbados military Lt. Florence Giddens, the first female officer of the Caribbean island, teaches members of the Wartburg track and field team some of the island's lore and legends.

For the Carlsons, a trip to a children's home for the disabled on the tiny island was a highlight.

"Just watching our students represent themselves so well around children who had such severe mental and physical disabilities was awesome," Cindy remarked.

"There was a special little story within this visit as well," she added. "Russell Harris ('10 of LaGrange, Ill.) had an iPod with him when we visited and was jamming to some music. He made friends with one of the teenage patients. So every time I would look at him, he and the patient would start talking, exchange smiles and so forth. The final time I looked their way, Russell had one of his earpods out and the patient was listening and jamming right along with Russell."

"It was humbling to see the patients in the hospital," Kaitlyn said. "I was glad to be part of a situation where we could give them something to enjoy for at least a little while, despite what they were going through."

Kaitlyn also enjoyed visiting with Lt. Florence Giddens, Barbados' first female military officer.

"She was so knowledgeable about the history of the island," said Kaitlyn.

Russell Harris '10 shares his music with a patient in a home for disabled children during the tour of Barbados.

Newsom, whose program was making its second such trip, once again used the southern journey as a way to educate student-athletes and engage in competition before the official start of the 2010 indoor season.

"It was great to be able to combine learning and competition," Kaitlyn said. "I had heard about the great experiences that some of the athletes had on the first trip and wanted to see, firsthand, for myself. It was awesome!"

The track competition also was memorable.

"The athletes our men and women competed against were from club teams in the area," Cindy said. "They did well, despite it being the first event of the year. The club teams had some amazing young athletes competing against us as well."

"It's a humbling experience to know that the person competing against you is high school age and may have even better times and marks than you do," Kaitlyn said. "Barbados loves its track and field. It was a good crowd considering it was just their preseason."

Save the date

Aug. 5

2010 Booster Club summer golf outing
Centennial Oaks Golf Club

Save the date

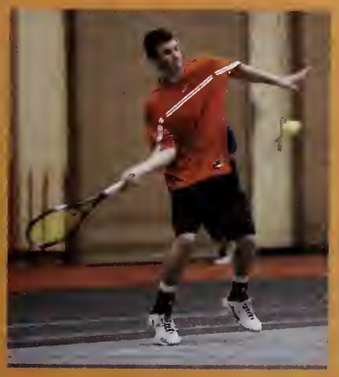
Nov. 20

NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships
Max Cross Country Course

Check out www.go-knights.net for details.

Adam Weber '11 of Gilbertville received the inaugural NCAA Division III wrestling Elite 88 award during the 2010 championships March 5-6 in Cedar Rapids. The Elite 88 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 88 championships.

Jordan Sathoff '12 of Packwood thumps a rim at Levick Arena with a two-point flush for the 2009-10 men's basketball team. Sathoff was one of two Knights to earn All-Iowa Conference honors.



Brian Rasmussen '12 of Fort Dodge hammers a return at an opponent for first-year head coach Matt Tyler's men's squad in early season tennis action in Hoover Fieldhouse.

Basketball part of life for Wartburg alum

by Mark Adkins '90

Don Showalter, a 1974 Wartburg graduate, goes through some last-minute preparations with his 2009-10 Mid-Prairie High School Golden Hawk boys' basketball team at this year's Class 2A state tournament. Mid-Prairie gave defending state champion Solon a scare before falling, 50-46, in the quarterfinals.

Once upon a time in elementary school, someone gave Don Showalter '74 a basketball.

It was a match made in heaven.

Whether it's coaching his beloved Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks boys' basketball team, running the renowned Iowa Snow Valley basketball camps at Wartburg, coaching teams for USA Basketball or even watching basketball on vacation in Hawaii, Showalter has had a thing for "the rock" most of his life.

"I always had a passion for sports," Showalter said. "I had thought coaching would be a good idea, and I really enjoyed basketball. I guess I can give credit for this to my uncles, Dale and Darrel Showalter, on my dad's side, and Kenny and Kevin Hochstetler, on my mom's side. They were always playing hoops with me when I was younger and were very supportive when I was playing in high school and college.

"My parents (Don and Iva Dean) always told me if I had a passion for something, I should pursue it," he added.

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And pursue it he did.

After two years at Iowa Mennonite School near Kalona, Showalter transferred to Mid-Prairie in Wellman as a junior because IMS did not have interscholastic sports at that time. At Mid-Prairie, he met head boys' basketball coach Cal Hickman and was part of a state runner-up team in 1970 as a senior.

That year, he also met longtime Wartburg men's basketball coach Lewis "Buzz" Levick, who brought Showalter to Waverly. He played from 1970-74 on four Iowa Conference championship teams, including 20-plus-wins squads in 1972-73 and 1973-74.

"I never realized how much, as a young coach, I would draw from people like Buzz and Cal," he said. "Those two really helped me along during the early years of my career, always giving good advice and so forth. They were instrumental in helping lay a foundation for me to build on."

Early in his coaching career, Showalter led Central (Elkader) to a state tournament berth. He has guided his high school alma mater, Mid-Prairie, to the state tournament five times.

His acumen hasn't stopped there. He was recruited by USA Basketball and earned Developmental Coach of the Year honors last year while leading the U-16 boys national team to the Americas Zone title and a berth in this summer's U-17 world championships in Hamburg, Germany.

"There are just so many rewarding things to what I've been fortunate to do," he said. "I can't point to just one. There have been so many special teams I've been part of as a high school coach. USA Basketball has been a phenomenal opportunity, leading me to coach in the McDonald's All-Star Game one year, at the U.S. Hoops Summit during another season and so forth.

"Yep, there aren't many times where I'm not on a court or at least working with something in basketball," he added.

He wouldn't have it any other way.

Johnson's dedication to education leads to NEA position

by Emily Schmitt

Greg Johnson '84 took his interest in music to Wartburg College and left with a new interest in teaching and a heightened love of music. Now he is on the executive committee of the National Education Association.

But when Johnson began his Wartburg career, he wasn't even certain what he wanted to major in.

"I didn't really like math or science, but I was in the band and choir, and I thought I'd major in music," Johnson said. "Those were the things that really interested me in high school."

So Johnson declared a major in music education and got involved with the Wartburg Choir under the direction of Dr. James Fritschel.

"I admired his work, and what he did, and I respected him greatly," Johnson said. "I enjoyed working with him and eventually decided that's what I wanted to do."

Johnson graduated from Wartburg in 1984, began his first teaching job in Henryetta, Okla., and married Diane Sharp '83.

After teaching at Henryetta for four years, Johnson moved to Mustang, Okla., where he is still the high school choir director.

Greg Johnson '84

About 10 years ago, Johnson attended a National Education Association assembly and was motivated to get more involved with the 3.2 million-member organization.

"I was just struck by the passion and fervor of the delegates who were there," he said.

He has since held various leadership positions within the organization, including representing the Oklahoma Education Association for two terms on the NEA board of directors.

Johnson was elected to a three-year term on NEA's executive committee last July. During a year of campaigning for the position, he met a lot of Wartburg alumni. He is one of six at-large national representatives who, along with four officers, make up the executive committee.

The committee meets monthly in Washington, D.C., to discuss policy as well as direction for the association. They also make appearances across the county on behalf of NEA.

"We are the people that make the decisions about the direction of the association," he said.

Johnson credits Wartburg for not only giving him experience in music, but also in leadership. He said being president of the Wartburg Choir has benefited him professionally.

"I developed leadership skills at Wartburg that have certainly helped me," Johnson said.

He sees his roles with NEA as similar to those he had in student government, because both require him to advocate for others.

He also applies his experience as a student advocate in student government to his current leadership position with the NEA, which requires him to advocate for its members.

During his time at Wartburg, Johnson never dreamed he would be among the leaders of a prominent national organization.

"Sometimes things just come your way," he said. "If there's an opportunity, you take advantage of it."

2010 Wartburg Outflys

Date	City	State
Tuesday, June 8	Appleton	Wis.
Wednesday, June 9	Stevens Point/Wausau	Wis.
Thursday, June 10	Twin Cities	Minn.
Wednesday, July 14	Chicago (West)	Ill.
Thursday, July 15	Quad Cities	Iowa
Tuesday, Aug. 3	Charles City	Iowa
Thursday, Aug. 4	Manchester	Iowa
Tuesday, Aug. 10	Ankeny	Iowa
Wednesday, Aug. 11	Des Moines	Iowa
Thursday, Aug. 12	Cedar Rapids/Iowa City	Iowa
Tuesday, Aug. 17	Black Hawk County	Iowa
Thursday, Aug. 19	Campus (Cedar Valley)	Iowa
September TBD	Denver	Colo.

1966

DICK BASHAM, Brookfield, Wis., retired after 38 seasons as head coach of the Marquette University High School Hilltoppers football team. In his final season, the team won the state championship. Basham won more games than any coach in Wisconsin state football history and compiled a 340-79 record at Marquette.

1967

JACQUELIN KNOCK ANDERSON, Las Vegas, Nev., retired Feb. 1 from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

1969

DIANE BARNHART LARSON, Fort Dodge, retired in May 2009 after 40 years of teaching fourth and fifth grades in the Fort Dodge Community Schools.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24
1970

JAMES SMELCER, Raymond, Miss., retired from teaching, coaching football and athletic administration. During a 37-year span of coaching football, he won several state championships and recently won a national semi-pro championship as head coach of the New Mexico Crush franchise. Five of his high school players and three of his semi-pro players went on to careers in the NFL.

1971

JUDY HARMS SPINLER, Cedar Rapids, retired in May 2009 after 37 years of teaching in the Independence Community School District, Independence.

1972

ROBERT TRAIN, Lexington, Ky., retired in December 2009 as information development manager. He spent 19 years with IBM and 17 with Lexmark.

1979

TOM ENGLAND, Universal City, Texas, earned a master's degree in education, with an emphasis in educational leadership, from the University of Texas-San Antonio. He teaches high school social studies in the San Antonio area. He is a retired U.S. Army CID Agent.

1983

DEANNA EGGER TURNER, Clyde, Ohio, was promoted in October to hospital administrator for a specialty hospital operated by Elmwood Health Care Center at the Springs.

1984

DAVID ARNDT, Forest City, owner of D.K. Arndt P.C., has merged his business with Johnson Accounting and Tax Services P.C. in Belmond. D.K. Arndt P.C. also has offices in Lake Mills, Garner and Greene.

1988

MARK TEERINK, Shawnee, Kan., operates Trade Compliance Law Firm, LLC, a solo practice in the field of export/import law and compliance. He divides his time between the legal practice and volunteering in the Missions Program at Westside Family Church. He and his wife will travel to South Africa in summer 2010 to participate in "Beat the Drum," an HIV/AIDS education/prevention program directed at schoolchildren.

1989

TIM LUEDER and Karla Lemmon, Plymouth, Minn., announce the birth of Jackson Brooks, Dec. 3.

1991

Robb Wiedrich and **KRISTI QUADE-WIEDRICH**, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of twins, Ethan Guy and Gavin Marcus, Sept. 30.

1993

BRIAN BERNHARD, Commerce City, Colo., was named to the International Paralegal Management Association board of directors as vice president of membership. He is a legal services manager at the law firm of Stern Elkind Curray & Alterman, Denver.

Dr. **HEATHER FRAGODT CASE, DVM, MPH, DACVPM**, was promoted to director of the Scientific Activities Division with the American Veterinary Medical Association. The division focuses on a wide variety of issues, including public health and food safety; regulatory veterinary medicine; emergency preparedness and response; veterinary environmental matters; animal agriculture; aquatic veterinary medicine; and animal biologics and therapeutics.

1994

PAUL and Kelly **EVERDING**, Freeport, Ill., announce the birth of Johanna Kathrine, Dec. 22.

Richard and **DEANNA SWARTZ MEYER**, Manson, announce the birth of Logan Henry, Aug. 14. He joins Dylan, 1½.

BRENT SEEHUSEN and **KRISTEN MEIER SEEHUSEN '95**, Clear Lake, announce the birth of Nathaniel George, Sept. 21.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24
1995

SONYA CRABTREE-NELSON and **ERIC CRABTREE-NELSON** '96, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Clayton James. Oct. 13.

JENNIFER HEANEY GRANDBERRY, Arlington Heights, Ill., is marketing director for the ELCA Foundation and Development Services with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, Ill.

TY MALCOM and **JENNI ZARN MALCOM** '97, Dubuque, announce the birth of Riley, Aug. 9. He joins Henrey, 4½.

1996

TINA NADERMAN STREIF and Dr. **ERIC STREIF '97**, Farley, announce the birth of Isaiah Michael, Jan. 15. He joins Jalyn, 8, Aaliyah, 6, and Elijah, 3.

1997

Daniel and **JUDY HESTERBERG BRENNAN**, Prospect, Ky., announce the birth of Heidi May, Dec. 15. She joins Rebecca, 1½.

KNUT ELVATUN, Oslo, Norway, is a higher executive officer at the Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board.

TIFFANIE HOLMES and Isaac Harris, Thomasville, Ga., were married May 2, 2009, the same day she earned a Master of Science degree in rehabilitation counseling.

JUSTIN and **HANNAH BARRANCE SCHAEFER**, Hiawatha, announce the birth of Luke, Sept. 18. He joins Drew, 8, and Lily, 6.

1998

MITCH LAURES and **JEANETTE OLSON LAURES '00**, New Hampton, announce the birth of Carson Vernon, Dec. 3. He joins Sydney, 1½.

ROXANNE WILLIAMS, Chicago, Ill., announces the adoption of Raekwon. He was born March 10, 1998. Roxanne was promoted to the department of training and development at J.P. Morgan Chase.

1999

Jason and **AMY SILVER CHOPARD**, Waverly, announce the birth of Penn Nathaniel, May 13. He joins Genevieve, 4½. Amy completed her master's degree in school library and media studies from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in May 2009.

ERIC and Jennifer **LARSEN**, Lino Lakes, Minn., announce the birth of Samuel Dean, Jan 14. He joins Sophia 2½.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24
2000

DEWAYNE AMOS and **JASMINE BAXTON '02**, Marietta, Ga., were married March 15.

James and **SARA KLUENDER COULTER**, Seattle, Wash., announce the birth of Luella Denise, Dec. 8. Sara earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Washington. She is a community program specialist in the department of family medicine/community health at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

NICK MITCHELL and Rachelle Rost, Des Moines, were married May 30.

ERIC NOREN and **KELLY WENNDT NOREN '01**, Marietta, Ga., announce the birth of Dane Thomas, July 2009. He joins Ella, 2½. Eric is a financial analyst with Alston & Bird, L.L.P. Kelly is an advertising manager with Porsche Cars North America.

JASON and **BRIANA SIMOENS STEFFENS**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Joshua, Dec. 24. He joins Hannah, 5, and Noah, 3.

2001

Bret and **KAY BURMEISTER DAHLQUIST**, Broadlands, Va., announce the birth of Braden Tyler, Jan. 28.

DAMON and Casie **HAMMEL**, Eyota, Minn., announce the birth of twins, Carter Maynard and Paige Sharon, Feb. 11. They join Reed, 4½.

Eric and **MARISSA MOWEN VERMEER**, Ames, announce the birth of Elliana Elizabeth, Jan. 22. She joins Cael, 1½.

2002

Bryce and **SARAH ALDERFER BRIMHALL**, Corona, Calif., announce the birth of Breckin Barry, Nov. 28.

SHANNON ELLIS and Adam Froeber, Savage, Minn., were married May 2.

MATT and **STEPHANIE MANGELS McNAMARA**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Makenna Rose, Oct. 30. She joins Michael, 2.

Josh and **BROOKE BURRAGE TIMMER**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Lauren Patricia, Sept. 18. Brooke is an associate attorney with Fiedler Law Firm, P.L.C. in the areas of employment discrimination and civil rights.

2003

Wesley and **KELLY HOEFER GIBBS**, Anamosa, announce the birth of Allyson Marie, Sept. 6. She joins Ava, 2½.

KATHERINE BURG KOSTIUK, Washington, D.C., is the communications and alumni officer for the Critical Language Scholarship Program with the American Councils for International Education.

MATT and **LAURA KLECKNER LANGRECK**, Scandia, Minn., announce the birth of Rhett Matheson, April 29. He joins Jackson, 3.

Dr. Justin and Dr. **SALLY SIMONS LEITCH**, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Owen Michael, Jan. 17.

Justin and **VALERIE TIEDT WARNKE**, Sumner, announce the birth of Shane Lavern, May 20, 2009.

2004

MELISSA GATES and Jamel Crawford, Des Moines, were married Sept. 5.

JACOB KOHLHAAS and **KELLY BIELENBERG KOHLHAAS '05**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Adeline Anne, April 22.

DEREK and **KARYN MEIER**, Anoka, Minn., announce the birth of Ryann Erin, Jan. 18. She joins Justice, 5½, and Madison, 3½.

CORBIN REYNOLDS and **ELIZABETH BALLY**, Madison, Wis., were married Sept. 19.

DAWN SPORRER and Will Kennedy, Denver, Colo., were married Sept. 12.

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2005

RUSS GOEREND and **BECKY TOWNSLEY GOEREND '06**, Waukee, announce the birth of Henry, Jan. 31. Russ is a sixth grade language arts teacher with the Waukee Community Schools.

RANAE GRAFFT and Grant Norland, Marshalltown, were married Oct. 3.

KIM PETERSEN MEYER, Garwin, is the TAG teacher with the Grundy Center Schools, Grundy Center.

MARCIA RYE ZIEMER, Ann Arbor, Mich., received her M.B.A. in 2009 from Purdue University. She is an associate business analyst with Infor Global Solutions.

2006

LARA BOWMAN and Curt Buckles, Marion, were married Sept. 12.

CASSANDRA FRUSH and Brian Gorman, Austin, Minn., were married Dec. 5 in the Wartburg Chapel.

Paul and **ALYSSA HEINE GROOM**, Urbana, announce the birth of Eleanor Jo, April 13, 2009.

ALLISON HEILLE and Desmond Jenson, St. Paul, Minn., were married Aug. 1. Allison is a special education teacher.

Dr. **KRISTEN LEMKE**, St. Paul, Minn., graduated with honors in November 2009 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. She opened Grand Avenue Chiropractic and Acupuncture, PLLC.

2007

BRIAN BUNCE, Tripoli, is an inventory analyst at the Waterloo Works with John Deere, Waterloo.

DIANA GROTZINGER and James Howard, Des Moines, were married Sept. 26.

SARAH ORVIS and Kyle Renn, Waverly, were married Nov. 14. Sarah is a self-employed in-home daycare provider.

KRISTIN UNDERWOOD and **CHRISTOPHER VOWELL '08**, Waverly, were married Aug. 8.

2008

WHITNEY FREE, West Des Moines, is the admissions and communications assistant at the Des Moines Art Center and operates a freelance public relations agency with **Scott Kempel '07**.

NATALIE RICHARDSON, Normal, Ill., received her master's degree in library and information science in December 2009 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

JAMIE SHUBATT, Cedar Rapids, is an events coordinator/admission representative with Mount Mercy College.

2009

DeETTA BOHLING, Ottawa, Kan., is the communications and marketing specialist for the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Corn Commission and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Garnett.

NATHAN PETERSON, Ankeny, is an office manager and volunteer coordinator for Senator Chuck Grassley's reelection campaign.

Brian Ide '96 has spent most of his professional career in Los Angeles, but he returned to his Midwest roots to shoot his first feature-length film, *Clear Lake, WI*.

'96 alumnus completes first full-length feature film

Midwest moviegoers got to see Brian Ide's first full-length feature film during special Midwest screenings in January in the Twin Cities and Ide's former hometown, Dubuque.

Clear Lake, WI was released in theaters in 2009. It won the Audience Award at the 2008 Boston Film Festival, the Special Mention Cinema Award at the 2009 Gasparilla International Film Festival, six awards at the 2008 Wild Rose Independent Film Festival and was accepted into the 2009 Strasbourg International Film Festival and 2010 Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema.

The psychological thriller is named for a small Wisconsin town Ide visited during another film project. The 1996 grad decided to build a movie around the town and shot much of the footage on location, using some of the 1,050 residents as extras and production assistants. The movie stars Michael Madsen (*Reservoir Dogs* and *Free Willy*). Dustin Booth, the lead actor and executive producer, is a native of Clear Lake, which is near Eau Claire, Wis. The film premiered last October in Hudson, Wis.

"It was a great experience directing this project, and it meant a lot to me to be able to create film opportunities back in the Midwest," said Ide. "Hopefully I can bring more projects home in the near future.

More information and clips from *Clear Lake, WI* are at www.clearlakewimovie.com and www.facebook.com/clearlakewimovie.

Ide ("ee-dee") has produced and directed a variety of film projects since forming Meriwether Productions in 2004. The company shoots both narrative film and documentaries, which are previewed at www.meriwetherproductions.com.

Ide is championing a concept called "ReDistribute," which would allocate profits from his films to charities. "With each film that we produce under the 'ReDistribute' banner, we will be selecting one cause which will be the focus of our support. For this first film, our focus is education. I sincerely believe that if we are to properly address the myriad of challenges that face our country and our world, we must start by providing better education for all our young people."

In Memoriam

1932

THE REV. RICHARD R.C. FRUEHLING, Beatrice, Neb., died Nov. 13. He completed a bachelor's degree at Peru State Teachers College, then taught rural school and was an elementary principal before earning a divinity degree at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque. He spent 67 years as a Lutheran pastor, serving congregations in Glenvil and Pickrell, Neb., and Le Mars, Iowa, and founding congregations in Tucson, Ariz., and Hastings, Neb. He was chaplain at the Martin Luther Home in Beatrice, Neb., from 1968 until his retirement in 1981, then served as visitation pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice for 26 years. He was involved in Lutheran Men in Mission and the Beatrice Rotary Club.

1936

MARIE ZINK WOODRICH, Spencer, died Oct. 15 at St. Luke Lutheran Home. She taught school in South Dakota, received her M.S.W. degree from the University of Minnesota, worked at Bremwood in Waverly and was a social worker within the Iowa Prison System for a number of years.

1942

ARNOLD G. BECKER, Brockway, Pa., died Oct. 4 at home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as vice president of human resources at Brockway, Inc. He was a former Brockway councilman, a member of the Brockway Kaimans, Owens-Brockway Golf Course, and of Brockway Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. He was chairman of the Brockway Bicentennial Committee, a former member of the board of directors of Maple Avenue Hospital and DuBois Regional Medical Center, and a former member of Resource Alternatives for Clearfield-Jefferson MH/MR Program.

W. EILEEN DEBOWER BOCHMANN, Waverly, died Dec. 6 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She had worked at Lutheran Mutual and the Butler County Treasurer's Office.

EDNA K. SEE GARNER, Charles City, died Nov. 19 at Elizabeth Martin Health Care Center, Western Home Communities, Cedar Falls. She was employed for 18 years as a secretary at Washington Elementary School, Charles City. Since 1970, she had served as organist at First Christian Church. She was a member of First Congregational Church, where she served on many church groups and the music committee. She was also active in American Legion Auxiliary Post 174, Heritage Club, Senior Citizens Center, B-Sharp Combo and was a foster grandparent.

1945

MERLE BURMAN LAMPE, Waterloo, died Nov. 27 at Covenant Medical Center of complications of Alzheimer's disease. She farmed with her husband and worked at First National Bank, both in Waverly and Waterloo, at the University of Northern Iowa Registrar's Office, Cedar Falls, and at Allen Hospital School of Nursing. She was one of three founding leaders of the East Waterloo Do-R-Best girls' 4-H club and hosted and led several Bible studies.

THE REV. HERMAN MANSUR, San Antonio, Texas, died Feb. 8. He was a graduate of Texas Lutheran College, Wartburg College and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. He and his wife spent 20 years as missionaries in Papua, New Guinea, where they established the Banz mission station in the Western Highlands. After their return, he spent 20 years as a pastoral counselor for Lutheran Social Services in Minneapolis, Minn. He retired to Onalaska, Texas, and moved to San Antonio in 2005.

1946

BEVERLY WAGNER KASSMAN, Bourbonnais, Ill., died May 16, 2009. She was a 1949 graduate of Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Moline., Ill., and a member of the Illinois Nurses Association. She worked as a registered nurse at the Dwight VA Hospital, Dwight, Ill., from 1949 to 1952 and at Manteno State Hospital, Manteno, Ill., from 1954 until her retirement in 1983.

1950

ALVIN H. ENNEN, Gilmore City, died Jan. 1 at Pocahontas Community Hospital. He served in the Air Force, worked for Goodrich Implement, and established Ennen Limestone, a trucking company. He also farmed and started a racing stable for horseracing. After his retirement in 1991, he worked part time for Sabo Auto Sales.

EMILIE HANNEMANN HEIST, St. Paul, Minn., died Nov. 1. She was a longtime registered nurse at Regions West.

MINONA DETTMANN ZELLMER, St. Ansgar, died Oct. 17, 2009 at Good Samaritan Center of cancer. She graduated from the Milwaukee Hospital (Passavant) School of Nursing. She cared for patients in hospitals and nursing homes in Wisconsin, Texas and Iowa before retiring in 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Richard Zellmer '50.

1951

THE REV. RAYMOND EHLERS, Waverly, died Nov. 27 at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo. He earned Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity degrees from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque. He served congregations in Iowa and Nebraska for 47 years prior to his retirement. In retirement he served as an interim pastor, then as a visitation pastor in his home congregation, Redeemer in Waverly.

DR. LLOYD JAMES HEDSTROM, Diamond Bar, Calif., died June 18. He served the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University for 20 years in roles that included associate dean of psychology, founder and co-director of the Doctor of Psychology program, interim dean of GSEP and chair of the Psychology Division. He chaired several Pepperdine committees, held the presidency and vice presidency of the Los Angeles Faculty Organization, participated in psychological associations and enjoyed a successful clinical practice. He spoke at symposia, published numerous papers, articles and book reviews and assisted doctoral students with their dissertations. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from George Pepperdine College and earned a doctorate in clinical psychology with an emphasis in child and physiological psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Pepperdine honored him as an emeritus professor in 1997 and a distinguished alumnus in 2006.

THE REV. NORMAN R. JOLE, Wautoma, Wis., died March 18 after a lengthy illness. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served four Wisconsin churches during his pastoral career: Faith Lutheran, Cuba City; Abiding Savior Lutheran, Milwaukee; Central Lutheran, Edgerton; and Hope Lutheran Church, Wautoma. He retired from full-time ministry in 1995 but continued to guest preach and officiate at occasional weddings and funerals.

DARRELL D. WIEGAND, Charles City, died April 4. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and owned and operated the Nashua DX Station with his father from 1949 to 1962. In 1961, he began farming and worked part time at the Nashua Mill. He was employed at the Nashua Fertilizer Plant until retiring in 1986. He was a past president of St. John Lutheran Church Council in Nashua and a volunteer firefighter with the Nashua Fire Department for 23 years.

1952

RICHARD E. FISCHER, West Des Moines, died Jan. 11. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he received a master's degree in psychology from Drake University. He served as a school psychologist in a three-county area in western Iowa, then with the Iowa Department of Education as a consultant in special education. He was director of special education in Duluth, Minn., for two years before he was asked to return to the Iowa Department of Education as state director of the Division of Special Education.

DEAN D. PILGRIM, Buffalo Center, died Oct. 14 of complications of ALS. He completed his master's degree in media and taught school for 47 years before his retirement in 2000.

THE REV. ROBERT RODEWALD, Surfside Beach, S.C., died Oct. 16 at home. He served as a Lutheran minister until his retirement in 2006.

1954

LAVONNE KALKWARF GOLL, Peoria, Ariz., died Oct. 2 of metastasized ocular melanoma. She worked in the commodity futures and banking worlds and was an active member of First English Lutheran Church, Peoria, Ill., where her husband, the Rev. Marvin Goll '51, served as pastor before his retirement.

1955

THE REV. ROBERT D. DeYOUNG, Greeley, Colo., died Nov. 26. A graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, he served as an ordained Lutheran pastor

for 50 years and never missed a service. He served churches in North Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois and Texas, including three missions congregegations he started.

1956

THE REV. WAYNE LANDGREBE, Antioch, Ill., died March 11. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in 1960, he served churches in Eagle Lake, Texas; Max, N.D.; Tama, Iowa; Racine and Paddock Lake, Wis.; and Winthrop Harbor, Ill. In 1983, he founded the Antioch Pastoral Counseling Center, where he continued to work as a therapist until his death.

WAYNE W. WEBBER, St. Joseph, Mich., died Sept. 28 at home. He was a science teacher and coach at Bridgman High School and later taught for many years and retired from Benton Harbor Area Schools.

1957

SHIRLEY MILLER CHRISTIAN, Ames, died Oct. 17 at Israel Family Hospice House. She worked at University Bank and Trust as a teller and as assistant box office manager at the Iowa State Center, retiring in 2000.

ROGER L. HEISERMAN, Manchester, died March 12 following a lengthy illness. He drove a tank wagon truck and later a milk truck before retiring in 1994. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Independence, and a former member of the Good Neighbor Home Board of Directors and the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department.

1958

JOHN K. KREILICK, Festus, Mo., died Jan. 23.

MARILYN TAMMEN MORGAN, Clarion, died Feb. 17 of cancer. Prior to her marriage, she worked for New York Life Insurance in Sioux City and later worked with her husband, Lyle, as an abstractor at Wright County Land and Title Co. in Clarion. She was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Clarion.

1959

LEROY P. SCHNEIDER, Waukee, died Jan. 2 at home after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He received a master's degree from Northeast Missouri State Univerity, Kirksville. He taught science in Milwaukee, Wis., for three years and then in the Grinnell School District until his retirement in June 2002, receiving multiple teaching awards during his career.

1961

DR. KARL DEAN BRINER, Kansas City, Mo., died Oct. 4. A former high school teacher, he earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He taught English at Wartburg College for 10 years before pursuing a degree in law at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He practiced law in Cedar Rapids before spending 10 years in the Black Hawk County Public Defender's Office. He was then appointed as an Iowa District Court judge, serving in that position until his retirement in 2007. He taught at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and the National Judge's College and served as adjunct professor at Wartburg, the University of Northern Iowa and several area colleges. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award and the Graven Award from Wartburg.

KENT J. CHESTER, Plainfield, died March 18 from complications of cancer. He attended Wartburg College for one year and graduated from Gates Business School, Waterloo, in 1961. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964, then worked in Cedar Rapids. He returned to the Plainfield area in 1969 to farm. He was a member of Plainfield United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau and the NRA.

1962

JOHN D. MEHLHAUS, Dysart, died April 1 of cancer. After graduating from Wartburg with a business degree, he worked as a collection agent for The Associates in Waverly, Des Moines and Fort Dodge. He moved to a farm east of Dysart in 1965. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he had served on the church council and as president of the congregation. He also served as president of the Dysart School Board and was on the Dysart Historical Society Board. A former Wartburg basketball player, he frequently returned to campus to support the Knights.

1965

CONNIE JO GAARD VAN LANINGHAM, Waverly, died Jan. 7 at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo. She taught kindergarten, second grade and preschool in Minneapolis, Minn., and Plainfield and Independence, Iowa, was director of Community Lutheran Preschool in Readlyn and for more than 30 years was preschool director and teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Waverly. She was a commissioned ELCA Associate in Ministry.

BONNIE JACOBIA HEATHERLY, Kingston, Ill., died March 17 after a six-year battle with cancer. She was a member of Crosswind Community Church, where she enjoyed playing the organ and piano for Sunday services.

1966

JERRY E. BADER, Fort Collins, Colo., died Sept. 23. He retired in 1993 from the Federal Service with the Department of the Treasury.

1973

CLARA WOOD WRIGHT, Nashua, died Dec. 5 at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, New Hampton. After teaching at a Chickasaw County country school and serving as a substitute teacher for 12 years, she earned her degree from Wartburg College. She was an elementary school teacher at Plainfield Community School for 34 years.

1976

SUSAN ROCKROHR HARTMAN, Sayre, Pa., died April 30 at Robert Packer Hospital from complications of multiple sclerosis. She was an elementary teacher in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and in Illinois for a brief period and spent many years as a substitute teacher in Pennsylvania. She earned a master's degree in education from Elmira College, Elmira, N.Y. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Sayre, the Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Education Society, and the Jaycettes in Towanda, Pa.

1984

LORI KAY WORBY GONZALEZ, Mission, Texas, died March 24 in an auto accident. After graduating from Wartburg, she spent two years substitute teaching and coaching in Bode, Iowa. In 1986, she moved to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas and had since taught sixth grade at Leal Elementary and mathematics at Mission Junior High School in McAllen. She died when a truck involved in a high-speed chase with rival drug cartel members struck the Gonzalez van broadside. Read more about the McAllen community's support of Lori's husband and daughter, both injured in the accident, in a blog by Bob Miller, superintendent of the Okoboji, Iowa, Community School District, http://bobmillerspioneerblog.blogspot.com

1987

STUART C. GITCH, Sumner, died March 31. He had been employed for the past 15 years with Old Dutch Foods. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner, where he had recently served as head deacon.

2001

SCOTT J. MEYLINK, Sullivan, Wis., died March 24 from complications of pneumonia. He was completing a degree at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. His father, Daniel Meylink, Sr., is a former member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents.

2008

NICODEME "NICO" KADIMOKE, Iowa City, died Jan. 13 at home from complications of lupus. He was born in Tanzania and lived in Belgium prior to moving with his family to Iowa in 2002. He played defensive end on the Wartburg football team for four years.

Former Faculty and Staff

EILEEN FUERSTENBERG, Clarksville, died March 4. After earning a teacher's certificate from Iowa State Teachers College, she taught for two years in a rural school and was later a cook at Wartburg College until her retirement. She and her husband, Wendell, also farmed together. She had been a resident of the Community Nursing Home since 2007.

GLADE MOGLE, Waverly, died Nov. 6 of a heart attack. He worked in security at Wartburg College until he resigned in 2009.

DELEVA OPPERMANN, Waverly, whose involvement in the Wartburg College community spanned more than 62 years, died March 12 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She and her husband, the late Earnest F. Oppermann '38, moved to Waverly in 1948, when he began a 34-year career as dean of students, head baseball coach and physical education professor. Deleva spent 27 years as Wartburg's head telephone switchboard operator. When she retired in 1984, the switchboard had moved from Vollmer Hall to the Student Union, and she received the old Vollmer Hall switchboard as a parting gift. In 2001, she was honored with the Wartburg Medal in recognition of her service to the college and its students. She was a longtime member and former president of Wartburg Women, member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and former member of St. Paul's School Board. She was also a college neighbor, occupying the home she and her husband built on Third Street, N.W. (now across the street from Löhe Hall) until shortly before her death.

VIRGIL C. RENN, Clarksville, died March 18. He retired in 1985 as a night security guard at Wartburg College. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and subsequently worked at Gamble Hardware Store and Niewohner Hardware in Waverly.

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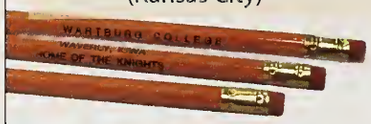
The office of Alumni and Parent Programs thanks hosts and participants in the recent events introducing President Colson:

- Mike and Marge McCoy, Jan. 7, Trianon Hotel, Bonita Springs, Fla.
- Ed '49 and Phyllis Droste, Jan. 8, Maggianos, Tampa, Fla.
- Joe '57 and Marlene Stover '57 Sloter, Feb. 4, at their home in Alpharetta, Ga. (Atlanta)
- Steve '69 and Susan Platte, Feb. 17, Marriott Starr Pass, Tucson, Ariz.
- Gary and Donna Hoover, Feb.18, Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Craig and Janet Hertel '75 Felberg, Feb. 21, Newport Beach Marriott Bayview, Newport Beach, Calif.
- Curt '64 and Cherry Eichner '67 Klaassen, May 19, at their home in Leawood, Kan., (Kansas City)



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and click the "For Employers" link.

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www.wartburg.edu/alumni/update.html

Arizona golf outing

An alumni golf outing — led by men's golf coach, Alan Johnson, the Iowa Conference Golf Coach of the Year — was held March 10 at the Foothills Golf Club in Phoenix, where more than a dozen alumni joined with the current men's golf team to hit the links.

Additional Wartburg Alumni & Friends events are being scheduled as well. Keep your eyes on upcoming issues of Knightline *for more information.*

Save the date

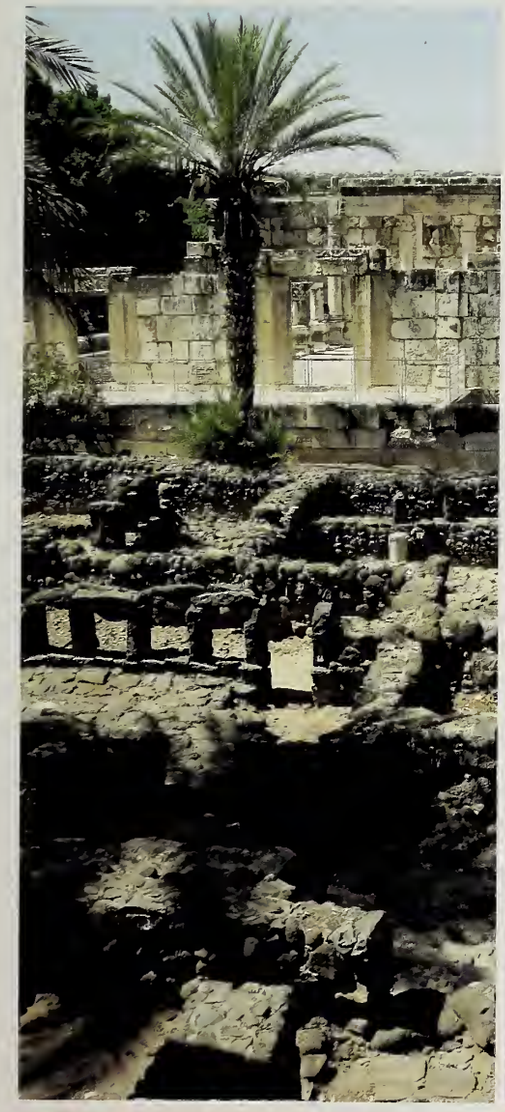
Oct. 21-24
Homecoming 2010

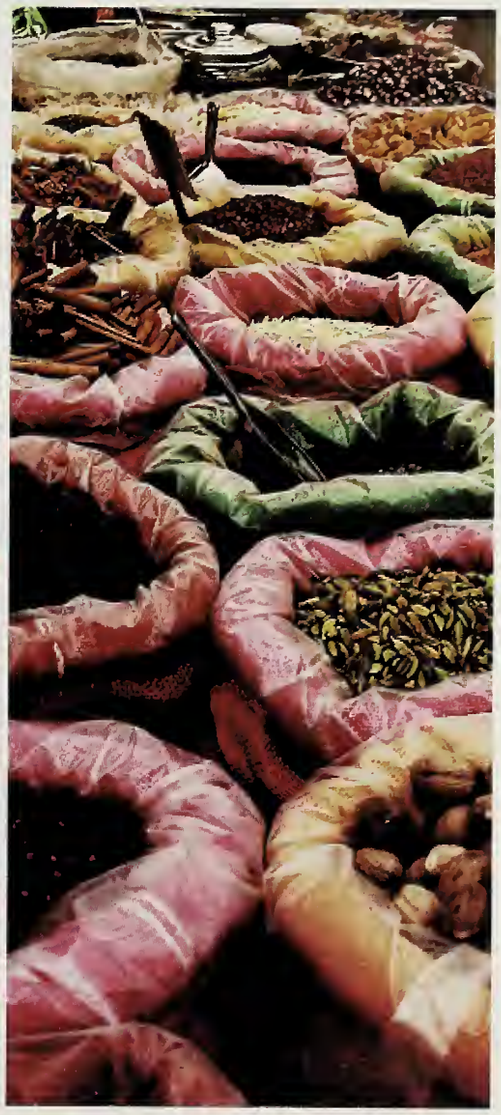
Save the date

July 29
RAGBRAI hospitality tent

RAGBRAI — the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa — will be riding near Waverly (en route from Charles City to Waterloo) on July 29. Stop by the Wartburg tent for Orange refreshments. Watch for details in *Knightline.*

Sept. 25-26
Family Weekend





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June 3-15, 2011 13 Days

Optional extension to Egypt: June 15-19, 2011

Hosted by Dr. Walter (Chip) Bouzard

Tour Highlights

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- Visit the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth
- Walk the Palm Sunday Road and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem
- Visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem
- Dialogue with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb of Christmas Lutheran Church about the role of Christians in the Palestine/Israel conflict
- Visit Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum
- Participate in devotional and worship opportunities coordinated by the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg's Dean of the Chapel
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– Amanda Gahler '11, who spent Winter Term studying in Senegal